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	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
[1] TRADE WEIGHTED DOLLAR (MAY 29, 1970=100) (SEP)	92.90	14.1	-1.4	--
[2] MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCE (EXPORTS MINUS IMPORTS) ($-MIL,JUN)	-2,104.60	10.1	-11.0	-21.9
[3] NET EXPORTS OF				
MEATS AND POULTRY ($ MIL,JUN)	-29.20	-39.4	N.A.	-55.3
PETROLEUM & PRODUCTS ($ MIL.,JUN)	-6,633.30	5.5	24.1	3.4
CHEMICALS ($ MIL.,JUN)	1,003.50	-6.7	-5.6	1.7
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT ($ MIL.,JUN)	2,918.40	N.A.	12.0	N.A.
[2] EXPORTS OF				
RAW COTTON ($ MIL.,JUN)	134.10	-45.2	-29.4	-22.7
SOYBEANS ($ MIL.,JUN)	335.0	-15.4	-40.9	9.5
RICE, GRAINS, AND CEREALS ($ MIL.,JUN)	1,482.70	15.3	-5.1	33.6

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: UNITED STATES

[3] CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS U.S. CITY AVG (1967=100)				
ALL ITEMS (AUG)	276.5	10.9	0.8	--
[3] PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES (1967=100)				
FINISHED GOODS (AUG)	271.2	7.9	-0.0	--
CONSUMER FINISHED GOODS (AUG)	272.6	7.3	-0.1	--
INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS (AUG)	309.9	9.3	0.4	--
CRUDE MATERIALS (AUG)	333.2	5.1	-0.9	--
[4] INDEX OF 12 LEADING INDICATORS (1967=100) (JUL)	133.7	4.3	-11.1	--
[5] INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (1967=100) (AUG)	152.8	7.6	-0.4	--
[6] TOTAL ENERGY INDEX (1967=100) (AUG)	138.9	-0.2	-0.9	--
[6] TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (NUMBER,JUL)	106,404,000	1.4	0.3	--
[6] TOTAL EMPLOYED (NUMBER,JUL)	98,962,000	2.3	0.6	--
[6] UNEMPLOYED RATE (JUL)	7.0	-7.3	-4.1	--
[7] HOUSING STARTS (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE) (UNITS,AUG)	85,700	-34.3	-14.5	-31.9
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON 3-MONTH FEDERAL SECURITIES (AUG)	15.5	69.4	3.7	--
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON STATE AND LOCAL BONDS (A,AUG)	11.1	38.2	0.7	--
[9] AVERAGE PERCENT YIELD ON CORPORATE BONDS (AUG)	15.6	26.5	0.2	--
M1-A -- MONEY STOCK				
[9] (CURRENCY PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS) ($BIL.,JUL)	361.6	-3.2	-0.1	--
M1-B -- MONEY STOCK (M1-A PLUS OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS				
[10] AT BANKS AND THRIFT INSTITUTIONS) ($ BIL.,JUL)	410.3	8.3	0.4	--
[11] SALES OF ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE ($000,JUL)	35,776,000	20.3	-6.9	13.4
BANKS DEBITS ($ BIL.,JUL)	83,357	31.9	5.9	26.0

FOOTNOTES: see p. 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[12] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,AUG)	2,860,167	3.0	0.1	3.9
[10] SALES OF ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE ($000,JUL)	803,721	11.9	-19.5	22.0
[14] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (AUG)	23,091,096	-10.7	29.2	-3.4
[14] NEW CORPORATIONS (NUMBER,AUG)	1,040	-1.6	-6.3	24.4
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,AUG)	101,931,946	3.3	6.2	-2.1
[15] NEW PASSENGER CAR SALES (NUMBER,JUL)	12,908	-11.1	-4.7	-1.9
[15] NEW TRUCK SALES (NUMBER,JUL)	5,779	-11.4	-16.6	3.7
PRODUCTION				
CRUDE PETROLEUM AND LEASE CONDENSATE PRODUCTION (42-GAL BBLS,AUG)	75,237	20.3	22.5	-6.4
NORTH LOUISIANA (42-GAL BBLS,AUG)	6,572	133.6	136.7	9.9
SOUTH LOUISIANA (42-GAL BBLS,AUG)	68,665	15.4	44.1	-17.0
CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS (BBLS, DAILY AVG FOR AUG)	1,703,983	11.4	15.6	1.9
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,AUG)	7,280,036,700	5.3	7.5	1.5
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,AUG)	3,574,163,428	3.7	6.2	6.0
ALL CROP INDEX (1967=100) (AUG)	263	12.4	-5.1	22.7
ALL LIVESTOCK INDEX (1967=100) (AUG)	236	-5.6	0.4	2.8
ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX (1967=100) (AUG)	252	5.0	-3.4	14.7
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	5,212	-3.1	-12.3	14.5
VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	113,460,798	7.3	1.1	45.7
[18] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	121,300,000	-26.6	-13.5	31.3
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	125,600,000	43.5	-7.7	8.5
NONBUILDING ($,JUL)	32,000,000	-44.3	-52.2	21.1
FINANCE				
[19] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($BIL,AUG)	5.258	4.5	25.9	1.1
[20] BANK DEBITS ($BIL,AUG)	33.726	24.4	1.1	31.3
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JUL)	92,100	43.9	-3.2	34.4
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
NUMBER EMPLOYED (NONAGRICULTURAL,AUG)	1,690,100	3.3	0.2	3.5
TRADE EMPLOYMENT (AUG)	365,500	0.3	0.3	1.2
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (AUG)	313,800	7.0	-0.9	5.0
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYMENT (AUG)	284,500	3.4	0.2	7.6
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT (AUG)	215,600	2.5	0.2	2.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT (AUG)	129,700	11.1	0.3	7.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT (AUG)	159,800	13.7	1.8	13.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE EMPLOYMENT (AUG)	76,200	3.7	0.1	1.3
MINING AND QUARRYING EMPLOYMENT (AUG)	95,500	15.3	3.5	13.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (AUG)	7.3	14.6	-19.5	0.3
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING HOURS (NUMBER,AUG)	42.0	3.7	0.5	3.4
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING EARNINGS ($,AUG)	365.0	14.4	5.1	10.4
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [23]				
SEVERANCE TAX ($,AUG)	85,751,888	73.3	-1.6	74.4
SALES TAX GENERAL ($,AUG)	67,991,088	34.3	-3.9	65.4
MOTOR VEHICLE ($,AUG)	7,809,052	21.9	8.5	-1.7
GASOLINE TAX ($,AUG)	14,067,552	-2.2	1.3	2.7
ROYALITIES, RENTALS, AND BONUSES ($,AUG)	53,424,720	11.1	0.3	-14.6
INCOME TAXES INDIVIDUAL ($,AUG)	29,827,424	30.5	14.3	-13.4
CORPORATION ($,AUG)	9,613,513	-7.7	-16.5	5.6
CORPORATION FRANCHISE TAX ($,AUG)	2,403,378	-19.2	4.9	4.7
TOBACCO TAX AND PERMITS ($,AUG)	5,946,388	3.1	12.2	6.7
ALCOHOL BEV. TAX, BEER TAX, AND PERMITS ($,AUG)	4,877,049	3.9	-3.3	3.4
OTHER TAXES, FEES, AND PERMITS ($,AUG)	27,722,817	3.0	NA	-32.9
TOTAL REVENUES ($,AUG)	233,936,992	-4.3	1.4	-9.7

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA METROPOLITAN AREAS

NEW ORLEANS AREA

(INCLUDES JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[24] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,AUG)	964,577	1.5	0.1	2.0
[25] POSTAL REVENUES ($,AUG 08 - SEP 05)	5,116,993	15.2	-2.4	18.0
[26] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE,AUG)	6,032,729	-6.0	0.5	-12.2
[27] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUL)	256,863	-4.3	3.5	-0.3
[35] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUL)	1,710	-11.7	0.0	-10.5
[28] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF NEW ORLEANS (TONS,AUG)	1,451,812	3.7	-3.0	-0.7
ATTENDANCE OF CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS (NUMBER,AUG)	44,224	44.3	-20.7	-17.7
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,JUN)	50,704,000	13.2	2.8	9.5
WHOLESALE SALES ($,AUG)	45,377,663	19.7	7.2	16.9
PRODUCTION				
[30] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,AUG)	2,161,269,504	3.8	2.5	1.4
CONSTRUCTION				
[31] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	621	-16.0	-48.9	11.8
[31] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,AUG)	18,357,536	-48.7	-39.0	24.3
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS [18,32]				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	22,900,000	-71.5	-56.6	7.8
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	50,400,000	98.6	338.3	12.8
FINANCE				
[33] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,AUG)	1,913,277,808	7.7	1.3	3.2
[33] BANK DEBITS ($,AUG)	13,817,515,568	25.1	-20.2	21.4
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORGAGE LOANS ($000,JUL)	58200.0	110.1	8.4	44.8
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JUL)	7.4	21.3	-3.9	5.6
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($JUL)	17,066,064	11.2	0.7	16.8

BATON ROUGE AREA

(INCLUDES ASCENSION, E. BATON ROUGE, LIVINGSTON, AND W. BATON ROUGE PARISHES)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[36] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,AUG)	373,913	3.6	0.8	4.4
[37] POSTAL REVENUES ($,AUG 08 - SEP 05)	2,421,920	26.6	2.3	18.8
[38] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE,AUG)	3,805,818	4.2	8.1	2.3
[40] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUL)	25,277	13.0	12.1	-5.4
[40] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUL)	32	-49.5	-35.1	-30.3
[35] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF BATON ROUGE (TONS,AUG)	56,978	-26.7	33.0	-22.0
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,JUN)	25,731,008	22.5	5.3	13.6
WHOLESALE SALES ($,AUG)	8,808,923	-53.0	-1.8	-52.9
PRODUCTION				
[41] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,AUG)	1,452,084,296	4.5	3.4	4.6
CONSTRUCTION				
[42] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	2,499	-8.5	-10.5	20.6
[42] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,AUG)	29,104,180	60.9	2.3	40.8
[16] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	17,700,000	19.6	22.1	66.6
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	13,700,000	21.2	4.6	-24.0
FINANCE				
[43] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,AUG)	742,281,439	15.2	0.7	14.1
[43] BANK DEBITS ($,AUG)	7,095,188,548	17.5	-23.5	52.1
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORGAGE LOANS ($000,JUL)	7100.0	-26.0	6.0	26.9
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JUL)	10.3	58.5	-11.2	27.1
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($JUL)	7,590,621	19.8	14.5	14.2

LAKE CHARLES AREA

(INCLUDES CALCASIEU PARISH)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[44] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER, AUG)	119,206	4.2	0.1	4.4
[42] POSTAL REVENUES ($, AUG 08 - SEP 05)	388,037	17.6	0.7	19.0
[45] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE, AUG)	1,618,042	-14.9	-0.6	-6.1
[46] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER, JUL)	4,727	13.4	3.5	2.9
[46] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS, JUL)	5	-16.9	-19.2	-8.8
[3] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF LAKE CHARLES (TONS, AUG)	245,132	-36.6	-20.5	-19.1
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($, AUG)	4,262,815	11.0	-6.8	12.4
PRODUCTION				
[47] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, AUG)	630,784,692	5.6	4.4	16.2
CONSTRUCTION				
[48] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	251	0.4	0.8	*******
[48] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($, AUG)	6,148,258	-41.9	-2.1	83.8
[18] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($, JUL)	16,000,000	433.3	61.6	166.1
NONRESIDENTIAL ($, JUL)	7,800,000	151.6	95.0	-70.8
FINANCE				
[43] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($, AUG)	271,294,000	2.3	1.7	8.6
[43] BANK DEBITS ($, AUG)	1,120,060,304	68.3	-8.2	64.5
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORGAGE LOANS ($000, JUL)	4000.0	2.6	-35.5	33.2
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JUL)	8.1	24.6	-11.0	-5.1
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($JUL)	2,132,474	6.9	-7.8	16.2

ALEXANDRIA AREA

(INCLUDES GRANT AND RAPIDES PARISHES)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[49] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER, AUG)	82,942	0.5	-0.4	1.4
[50] POSTAL REVENUES ($, AUG 08 - SEP 05)	336,891	16.2	-9.8	9.4
[51] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE, AUG)	1,841,084	2.8	4.4	-0.6
[52] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER, JUL)	6,400	-4.9	9.1	-11.0
[52] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS, JUL)	44	-4.1	4.0	7.7
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($, AUG)	3,402,958	0.3	-5.0	7.0
PRODUCTION				
[53] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, AUG)	141,757,408	-1.4	1.2	-0.6
CONSTRUCTION				
[54] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	75	-22.7	-7.4	-13.5
[54] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($, AUG)	863,829	-40.4	-45.3	-21.2
[18] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($, JUL)	6,500,000	0.0	20.4	25.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($, JUL)	300,000	-57.1	-80.0	-45.4
FINANCE				
[55] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($, AUG)	161,009,648	6.3	2.4	4.9
[55] BANK DEBITS ($, AUG)	560,804,072	-3.9	-2.3	2.0
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORGAGE LOANS ($000, JUL)	900.0	50.0	50.0	70.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JUL)	10.3	17.0	-8.0	1.4
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($JUL)	1,098,835	1.9	0.4	3.0

SHREVEPORT AREA

(INCLUDES BOSSIER, CADDO, AND WEBSTER PARISHES)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[57] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,AUG)	290,744	17.0	14.3	15.8
[58] POSTAL REVENUES ($,AUG 08 - SEP 05)	1,713,073	24.2	3.7	16.3
[59] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE,AUG)	5,137,546	-6.1	-15.0	8.2
[56] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUL)	40,490	-1.0	8.1	-8.9
[56] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUL)	641	-12.2	7.7	-6.1
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,JUN)	13,694,000	16.8	-4.4	12.7
WHOLESALE SALES ($,AUG)	13,995,681	17.8	-0.6	16.1
PRODUCTION				
[60] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,AUG)	424,639,522	-4.4	2.3	1.4
CONSTRUCTION				
[61] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	692	13.3	-5.0	-0.8
[61] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,AUG)	16,226,897	25.3	-4.9	28.3
[18] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	10,200,000	-8.1	-28.7	44.2
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	7,600,000	-51.9	-74.5	129.1
FINANCE				
[62] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,AUG)	571,304,610	12.8	4.1	3.0
[62] BANK DEBITS ($,AUG)	5,066,266,363	20.6	-8.7	18.4
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORGAGE LOANS ($000,JUL)	1300.0	-7.1	0.0	49.5
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JUL)	7.6	1.3	-5.0	-5.6
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($JUL)	4,661,269	26.5	2.1	18.3

MONROE AREA

(INCLUDES MOREHOUSE AND OUACHITA PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[63] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,AUG)	119,126	1.1	-0.1	1.5
[64] POSTAL REVENUES ($,AUG 08 - SEP 05)	643,850	20.2	-7.4	19.4
[65] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUL)	9,908	-6.7	9.8	-10.8
[65] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUL)	23	-25.7	0.2	-20.1
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,AUG)	12,357,698	-5.0	-7.0	0.8
PRODUCTION				
[66] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,AUG)	298,045,824	0.4	8.7	2.7
CONSTRUCTION				
[67] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	74	3.1	-6.1	2.2
[67] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,AUG)	1,807,334	-11.2	-59.5	-3.8
[18] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	3,500,000	-10.3	-12.5	34.2
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	300,000	-66.7	-89.3	4.7
FINANCE				
[68] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,AUG)	206,486,254	-12.1	-2.5	-5.5
[68] BANK DEBITS ($,AUG)	1,886,273,600	23.9	-9.5	18.2
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORGAGE LOANS ($000,JUL)	2500.0	-32.4	8.7	19.4
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JUL)	9.9	11.2	7.6	-4.7
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($JUL)	2,230,081	19.0	20.9	5.5

LAFAYETTE AREA

(INCLUDES LAFAYETTE PARISH)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[69] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,AUG)	134,112	7.9	0.5	8.5
[72] POSTAL REVENUES ($,AUG 08 - SEP 05)	658,250	25.1	4.1	22.7
[70] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUL)	10,939	6.2	5.2	42.1
[70] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUL)	38	-5.5	0.6	25.1
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,AUG)	6,818,710	42.4	7.7	24.8
PRODUCTION				
[71] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,AUG)	218,315,600	-28.1	1.9	-3.6
CONSTRUCTION				
[72] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (AUG)	381	18.7	0.8	42.1
[72] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,AUG)	28,782,048	73.4	75.8	116.5
[18] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	4,300,000	-10.4	-62.3	0.9
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JUL)	20,400,000	15.3	74.4	-15.7
FINANCE				
[72] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,AUG)	332,546,042	11.7	8.5	11.9
[72] BANK DEBITS ($,AUG)	1,938,631,920	60.0	6.5	46.2
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORGAGE LOANS ($000,JUL)	5800.0	75.8	-20.5	65.4
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JUL)	4.2	5.0	-8.7	-14.2
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($JUL)	4,640,897	37.9	17.7	25.4

n.a.—either not applicable, or not printed to maintain confidentiality.
[1]*Wall Street Journal:* figures reported Sept. 28, 1981
[2]*Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade,* U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[3]Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
[4]*Business Conditions Digest,* U.S. Department of Commerce.
[5]*Industrial Production* (G. 12.3), Federal Reserve System.
[6]*Employment and Earnings,* U.S. Department of Labor.
[7]U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[8]Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 13, Federal Reserve System.
[9]*Monetary Trends,* Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
[10]Life Insurance Marketing & Research Ass'n., Hartford, Conn.
[11]Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 6, Federal Reserve System.
[12]South Central Bell Telephone Co. Figures for company-owned phones as of the end of the month.
[13]Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., New York City, N.Y.
[14]Office of the Secretary of State. Includes new domestic charters filed between Aug.4-Aug.31,1981.
[15]R. L. Polk & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
[16]Estimates taken from *Weekly Statistical Bulletin,* American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C.
[17]La. Office of Agricultural Statistician, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, cooperating with the Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, LSU.
[18]F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.
[19]Figures shown for end of the month. Excludes interbank, U.S. Government, and time deposits.
[20]Bank debits charged to demand deposit accounts. Excludes interbank & U.S. Government accounts.
[21]Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Arkansas.
[22]Research and Statistics Unit, La. Department of Labor.—not comparable to any previous years' figures.
[23]Budget Office, Division of Administration, State of La., Baton Rouge, La. Note minus values for Individual Income and Corporation Franchise taxes.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

[24]New Orleans, Covington, Slidell, Norco, Luling, Paradis, Kenner.
[25]New Orleans, Metairie, Covington, Slidell, Gretna, Harvey, Westwego, Marrero, Kenner, Arabi, Chalmette, Norco, Luling, Mandeville.
[26]New Orleans.
[27]New Orleans International Airport.
[28]Greater New Orleans Tourist & Convention Commission.
[29]*Monthly Retail Trade—Sales and Inventories.*
[30]Area figure for New Orleans, Chalmette, Arabi, Covington, Luling.
[31]New Orleans, Gretna, Covington, Slidell, Westwego, Mandeville, Madisonville, Pearl River, St. Bernard Parish, Kenner, St. Charles Parish, Grand Isle.
[32]Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Tammany Parishes.
[33]New Orleans, Jefferson Parish, Gretna, Metairie, Kenner, Slidell, Covington.
[34]Dept. of Revenue, State of La., Baton Rouge, La.
[35]Includes imports and exports of general cargo passing over public facilities.

BATON ROUGE AREA

[36]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Denham Springs, Donaldsonville.
[37]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Baker, Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Port Allen, Denham Springs.
[38]Baton Rouge, Denham Springs.
[39]Capital City Press.
[40]Greater Baton Rouge Airport District.
[41]Area figure for Baton Rouge and Donaldsonville.
[42]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Baker, Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Denham Springs, Port Allen.
[43]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Donaldsonville, Denham Springs, Gonzales, Baker, Port Allen.

LAKE CHARLES AREA

[44]Lake Charles, Sulfur, Vinton.
[45]Lake Charles.
[46]Lake Charles Municipal Airport.
[47]Area figure for Lake Charles, Westlake, Vinton.
[48]Lake Charles, Sulfur, Westlake.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

[49]Alexandria, Colfax.
[50]Alexandria, Pineville.
[51]Alexandria only.
[52]Rapides Municipal Airport.
[53]Area figure for Alexandria and Pineville.
[54]Alexandria, Pineville, Lecompte.
[55]Alexandria, Colfax, Cheneyville.
[56]Shreveport Airport Authority

SHREVEPORT AREA

[57]Shreveport, Minden.
[58]Shreveport, Bossier City, Minden, Springhill, Vivian.
[59]Shreveport, Minden.
[60]Minden, Springhill/Haynesville, Caddo-Bossier Parishes.
[61]Shreveport, Bossier City, Minden, Vivian, Springhill, Cullen.
[62]Shreveport, Bossier City, Minden, Springhill, Vivian, Plain Dealing.

MONROE AREA

[63]Monroe, Bastrop.
[64]Monroe, Bastrop, West Monroe.
[65]Monroe Municipal Airport.
[66]Bastrop, West Monroe.
[67]Monroe, Bastrop, West Monroe, Sterlington.
[68]Monroe, Bastrop, West Monroe.

LAFAYETTE AREA

[69]Lafayette, Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Youngsville.
[70]Lafayette Airport Commission.
[71]Area figure for Lafayette.
[72]Lafayette only.

LOUISIANA LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS*
(COLLECTIONS FOR INDICATED MONTH BASED ON SALES FOR PRECEDING MONTH)
SOURCE - LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITIES
(DOLLARS)

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT	AUG 1981	PERCENT CHANGE AUG 1981 AUG 1980	PERCENT CHANGE AUG 1981 JUL 1981
ABBEVILLE	95,077	17.5	-1.3
ABITA SPRINGS	1,628	-8.9	-60.9
ACADIA PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
ALBANY	NA	NA	NA
ALEXANDRIA	326,266	-8.2	-19.3
ALLEN PARISH S.B.	83,168	7.6	0.9
AMITE CITY	NA	NA	NA
ARCADIA	17,294	-8.0	-13.7
ARNAUDVILLE	8,199	-3.5	10.8
ASCENSION PARISH S.B.	777,312	22.0	-5.9
ASCENSION PARISH P.J.	NA	NA	NA
ASSUMPTION PARISH S.B.	100,340	12.0	-6.0
ASSUMPTION PARISH P.J.	100,340	12.0	-6.0
AVOYELLES PARISH S.B.	205,500	21.5	3.9
BAKER	97,514	0.8	-13.3
BASILE	8,187	49.2	1.8
BASTROP	109,258	18.5	20.8
BEAUREGARD PARISH S.B.	140,033	1.0	-6.9
BERNICE	6,292	21.3	-6.5
BIENVILLE PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
BOGALUSA	205,065	23.8	1.9
BOGALOSSA PARISH S.B.	112,595	NA	-80.9
BOSSIER CITY	NA	NA	NA
BOSSIER PARISH S.B.	591,600	7.4	-15.8
BREAUX BRIDGE	32,408	3.8	-12.3
BROUSSARD	39,800	86.0	23.3
BUNKIE	NA	NA	NA
CADDO PARISH S.B.	1,678,672	11.1	-1.7
CALCASIEU PARISH S.B.	1,481,779	17.1	-9.0
CALDWELL PARISH P.J.	NA	NA	NA
CALDWELL PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
CAMERON	5,819	777.7	584.6
CARENCO	34,675	45.0	14.4
CATAHOULA PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
CHURCH POINT	NA	NA	NA
CLAIBORNE PARISH S.B.	84,045	22.9	3.3
COLFAX	6,251	NA	2.6
CONCORDIA PARISH P.J.	NA	NA	NA
CONCORDIA PARISH S.B.	93,972	12.3	-13.0
COTTON VALLEY	1,142	-55.5	-9.4
COTTONPORT	6,484	22.8	-10.6
COUSHATTA	21,143	19.2	-5.8
COVINGTON	64,625	3.8	-8.6
CROWLEY	NA	NA	NA
CULLEN	1,263	-24.5	-16.2
DELCAMBRE	10,271	-2.0	1.7
DENHAM SPRINGS	83,048	15.5	-11.8
DEQUINCY	18,551	2.0	-4.7
DERIDDER	64,273	11.1	-6.8
DESOTA PARISH S.B.	151,983	-6.7	-29.9
DIXIE INN	NA	NA	NA
DONALDSONVILLE	16,502	1.9	-14.9
DUSON	10,514	93.7	14.9
E. CARROLL PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
E. FELICIANA PARISH S.B.	122,473	1.0	-30.7
E.B.R. CITY-PARISH	5,021,247	5.4	-3.7
E.B.R. PARISH S.B.	2,639,235	7.4	-2.1
ELTON	NA	NA	NA
ERATH	9,825	-10.9	-6.4
ESTHERWOOD	NA	NA	NA
EUNICE	193,722	28.6	4.7
EVANGELINE PARISH S.B.	122,328	2.9	-4.6
FARMERVILLE	23,286	6.6	-23.5
FERRIDAY	29,017	7.7	-0.5
FOLSOM	2,590	-10.3	-31.2
FRANKLIN PARISH S.B.	131,069	6.6	1.7
FRANKLINTON	31,100	-5.9	-1.6
GOLDEN MEADOW	11,632	-10.9	-14.7
GONZALES	79,162	13.0	-7.3
GRAMERCY	16,394	16.0	6.8
GRAND COTEAU	1,970	10.8	82.6
GRANT PARISH S.B.	36,533	-2.9	-14.1
GREENSBORO	NA	NA	NA
HAMMOND	151,425	11.7	3.2
HATHESVILLE	17,417	13.5	2.6
HAUGHTON	3,215	452.4	-33.4
HENDERSON	5,509	29.5	21.8
IBERIA PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
IBERVILLE PARISH S.B.	347,217	7.6	-16.6
INDEPENDENCE	187,283	7.5	-16.6
IOTA	5,403	-18.6	1.2
IOWA	NA	NA	NA
JACKSON PARISH S.B.	40,199	102.1	187.2
JEANERETTE	69,220	-5.7	-18.2
JEFF. DAVIS PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
JEFFERSON PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
JEFFERSON PARISH	4,684,306	69.5	-2.1
JENNINGS	NA	NA	NA
JONESBORO	53,077	6.2	-0.7
JONESVILLE	NA	NA	NA
KENTWOOD	15,967	6.7	-18.4
KROTZ SPRINGS	5,965	-45.3	47.5
LAFAYETTE PARISH P.J.	459,631	18.7	-4.5
LAFAYETTE PARISH S.B.	1,737,030	27.5	-0.5
LAFAYETTE	1,161,725	21.8	3.1
LAFOURCHE PARISH	191,258	NA	-1.2
LAFOURCHE PARISH S.B.	523,182	1.1	-1.9
LAKE ARTHUR	NA	NA	NA
LAKE CHARLES	588,328	0.7	-4.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE	NA	NA	NA
LA SALLE PARISH S. B.	77,111	72.0	-22.4
LEESVILLE	57,297	6.5	0.6
LINCOLN PARISH P.J.	84,860	18.8	NA
LINCOLN PARISH S.B.	164,920	16.4	NA
LIVINGSTON PARISH S.B.	453,017	24.5	-7.1
LIVINGSTON	3,073	-16.5	-32.7
LOCKPORT	NA	NA	NA
LOGANS	NA	NA	NA
MADISON PARISH P.J.	NA	NA	NA
MADISON PARISH S.B.	87,000	31.8	19.2
MANDEVILLE	38,662	52.2	-5.1
MANGO	12,203	15.5	-2.1
MANGHAM	NA	NA	NA
MANSFIELD	NA	NA	NA
MARKSVILLE	41,196	54.5	-6.2
MAURICE	2,487	4.5	-9.9
MELVILLE	1,961	-23.2	1.4
NEW ROGGE	5,343	26.4	4.4
NERMENTAU	NA	NA	NA
MERRYVILLE	NA	NA	NA
MINDEN	75,258	-2.8	-12.3
MONROE (CITY) S.B.	123,154	8.3	8.3
MONROE	550,280	10.2	-0.6
MORGANVILLE	3,124	32.9	-19.4
MOREHOUSE PARISH S.B.	137,853	17.1	16.6
MORSE	1,123	-26.3	-35.2
NAPOLEONVILLE	8,655	3.3	-26.9
NATCHITOCHES	192,471	128.0	-5.7
NATCHITOCHES PARISH S.B.	126,886	-21.8	-27.2
NEW IBERIA	312,505	11.1	-7.0
NEW ORLEANS	NA	NA	NA
NEW ROADS	NA	NA	NA
NEW LLANO	8,256	-6.6	-14.6
OAK GROVE	19,092	4.5	-6.4
OAKDALE	28,429	-11.4	-20.4
OBERLIN	6,961	6.5	19.6
OIL CITY	5,413	-17.8	-28.6
OPELOUSAS	231,051	12.4	-7.2
ORLEANS PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
OUACHITA PARISH P.J.	229,494	3.5	2.4
OUACHITA PARISH S.B.	251,175	7.8	-0.5
PARKS	8,179	130.5	119.4
PEARL RIVER	10,289	92.5	68.5
PINE PRAIRIE	2,609	55.2	0.0
PINEVILLE	46,619	-21.1	-24.2
PLAIN DEALING	NA	NA	NA
PLAQUEMINES PARISH G.G.	439,644	35.4	-16.5
PLAQUEMINES PARISH S.B.	204,924	35.4	-16.0
PLAUCHEVILLE	875	-8.3	-5.1
POINTE COUPEE PARISH S.B.	496,125	161.7	50.6
POINTE COUPEE PARISH	512,132	190.7	44.7
POLLOCK	477	21.0	0.7
PONCHATOULA	20,497	1.4	1.5
PORT ALLEN	20,765	-13.4	8.7
RAPIDES PARISH	670,149	-14.5	-22.9
RAYNE	73,541	2.8	-5.7
RAYVILLE	41,321	14.0	5.5
RED RIVER PARISH S.B.	46,417	15.4	-29.1
RED RIVER PARISH P.J.	19,412	12.1	-12.5
RICHLAND PARISH S.B.	139,521	-16.4	-16.8
RINGGOLD	NA	NA	NA
ROSELAND	2,966	-16.8	12.1
ROSEPINE	1,871	57.3	38.8
RUSTON	61,732	14.1	NA
SABINE PARISH S.B.	89,652	6.4	-7.9
SARPTA	564	-36.5	-13.6
SCOTT	22,874	7.7	-7.8
SHREVEPORT	2,112,953	68.1	-1.0
SLIDELL	175,519	3.5	-6.5
SPRINGFIELD	1,167	1.1	-24.4
SPRINGHILL	44,197	4.6	-6.7
ST. BERNARD PARISH P.J.	NA	NA	NA
ST. BERNARD PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
ST. CHARLES PARISH P.J.	368,396	31.6	-11.4
ST. CHARLES PARISH S.B.	1,104,885	30.1	-11.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE	11,761	-11.6	-19.1
ST. JAMES PARISH S.B.	144,165	54.3	-24.9
ST. JOHN PARISH S.B.	112,072	97.2	18.2
ST. LANDRY PARISH S.B.	665,141	-8.4	9.4
ST. MARTIN PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
ST. MARTINVILLE	10,496	3.4	-8.9
ST. MARY PARISH S.B.	325,547	26.6	-4.5
ST. MARY PARISH	1,116,537	29.0	-4.6
ST. TAMMANY PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
SULPHUR	227,440	9.4	-11.3
SUNSET	10,633	40.1	27.2
TALLULAH	24,939	47.7	-9.3
TANGIPAHOA (VILLAGE OF)	1,431	16.2	-8.4
TANGIPAHOA PARISH S.B.	626,885	10.6	-9.4
TENSAS PARISH P.J.	42,975	69.0	50.3
TENSAS PARISH S.B.	27,615	13.1	1.4
TERREBONNE PARISH S.B.	750,603	12.5	-10.6
TERREBONNE PARISH	1,251,301	12.1	-10.6
THIBODAUX	334,494	12.1	-10.1
UNION PARISH S.B.	66,156	-12.2	-12.1
VERMILION PARISH P.J.	NA	NA	NA
VERMILION PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
VERNON PARISH S.B.	111,466	21.5	-14.5
VIDALIA	27,364	17.4	6.1
VILLE PLATTE	28,029	26.5	-5.8
VINTON	32,775	42.6	-1.7
VIVIAN	14,135	-17.5	-25.1
WALKER	NA	NA	NA
WASHINGTON (TOWN OF)	1,457	19.0	10.6
WASHINGTON PARISH S.B.	42,121	41.6	28.4
WEBSTER PARISH S.B.	NA	NA	NA
WELSH	18,647	-5.1	-8.5
WEST ASCENSION	21,656	NA	-20.4
W.B.R. PARISH	162,603	14.0	2.6
W.B.R. PARISH S.B.	162,600	14.3	2.1
W. CARROLL PARISH S.B.	61,771	32.2	41.7
W. FELICIANA PARISH S.B.	240,498	13.4	22.3
WEST MONROE	146,456	14.2	1.5
WESTLAKE	69,139	58.4	14.6
WINN PARISH S.B.	33,235	-6.9	-37.1
WINNSBORO	48,727	10.3	3.8
YOUNGSVILLE	6,741	81.1	4.7
WISNER	5,424	-5.2	-7.3
ZACHARY	72,424	20.3	11.4
TOTAL REPORTED THIS MONTH	41,139,867	NA	NA
SUB-COMPARABLE COLLECTIONS	41,139,144	21.2	-1.5

LOUISIANA TOURIST TRAFFIC DATA

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Visitors to Selected Tourist Attractions
Source: State Parks Commission & Other Tourist Attractions

SITE	August 1981	July 1981	August 1980	Percent Change Aug. 1981-Aug. 1980	Percent Change Aug. 1981-July 1981
Audubon State Comm. Area	9,847	10,962	8,946	+ 10.1	- 10.2
Avery Island	4,418	4,517	5,254	- 15.9	- 2.2
Baton Rouge Old State Capitol	5,720	6,137	5,854	- 2.3	- 6.8
Old Arsenal Museum	6,159	7,897	6,611	- 6.8	- 22.0
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	312	377	333	- 6.3	- 17.2
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	17,688	26,860	20,312	- 12.9	- 34.1
Chicot State Park	29,531	48,188	55,014	- 46.3	- 38.7
Cypremort Point State Park	10,052	14,630	15,438	- 34.9	- 31.3
Edward Douglass White State Comm. Area	121	88	N.A.	N.A.	+ 37.5
Fairview Riverside State Park	20,586	16,306	32,961	- 37.5	+ 26.2
Fontainebleau State Park	7,442	53,500	34,195	- 78.2	- 86.1
Fort Jesup State Comm. Area	13,202	6,508	6,040	+118.6	+102.9
Fort Pike State Comm. Area	9,500	12,500	19,814	- 52.1	- 24.0
Grand Isle State Park	50,000	61,544	76,158	- 34.3	- 18.8
Hodges Gardens	2,797	4,888	5,578	- 49.8	- 42.8
Hot Wells Health Resort	1,640	2,460	4,748	- 65.5	- 33.3
Indian Creek Recreational Area	N.A.	21,483	16,957	N.A.	N.A.
Kent House State Commemoretive Area	603	866	980	- 38.5	- 30.4
Lake Bistineau State Park	28,103	33,105	30,637	- 8.3	- 15.1
Lake Bruin State Park	3,934	4,678	13,236	- 70.3	- 15.9
Blake Claiborne State Park	7,320	7,100	15,970	+ 54.2	+ 3.1
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	5,229	5,326	3,249	+ 60.9	- 1.8
Longfellow-Evangeline State Comm. Area	34,500	19,000	30,674	+ 12.5	+ 81.5
Mansfield State Comm. Area	7,178	3,620	7,122	+ .8	+ 98.3
Marksvitle State Comm. Area	2,697	1,819	681	+296.0	+ 48.3
New Orleans The La. State Museum	N.A.	N.A.	20,684	N.A.	N.A.
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	8,548	7,105	4,897	+ 74.6	- 20.3
Rebel State Commemorative Area	1,460	1,203	1,912	- 23.6	+ 21.4
St. Bernard State Park	2,812	2,326	2,880	- 2.4	+ 20.9
Sam Houston Jones State Park	34,930	57,134	51,688	- 32.4	- 38.9
Shreveport The La. State Exhibit Museum	26,400	29,300	27,600	- 4.3	- 9.9
The La. State Fairgrounds	30,950	32,788	39,460	- 21.6	- 5.6
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Area	73	137	82	- 10.9	- 46.7

N.A.—Not Available.

Visitors to Tourist Information Stations
Source: Louisiana Office of Tourism

STATION	August 1981	July 1981	August 1980	Percent Change Aug. 1981-Aug. 1980	Percent Change Aug. 1981-July 1981
Bastrop Snyder Museum	684	609	479	+ 42.8	+ 12.3
Baton Rouge State Capitol	24,662	23,515	22,110	+ 11.5	+ 4.9
Greenwood	16,934	20,629	15,716	+ 7.8	- 17.9
Kentwood	11,904	10,423	8,410	+ 41.5	+ 14.2
Mound Center (I-20)	13,839	15,116	N.A.	N.A.	- 8.4
New Orleans	13,439	14,123	5,958	+125.6	- 4.8
St. Francisville	3,625	4,028	2,389	+ 51.7	- 10.0
Slidell (I-59)	50,516	49,337	N.A.	N.A.	+ 2.4
Slidell (I-10)	90,724	106,200	115,694	- 21.6	- 14.6
Toledo Bend	2,387	2,804	2,365	+ .9	- 14.9
Vidalia	1,489	1,300	1,201	+ 24.0	+ 14.5
Vinton	23,889	N.A.	26,523	- 9.9	N.A.

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